

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the official action dated February 27, 2009. The claim amendments included herein are merely clarifying amendments and are not meant to change the intended scope of the claims. Thus, the amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, and they should be entered in due course. Moreover, the amendments are manifest, requiring only a cursory review by the Examiner, thereby providing additional ground for their entry.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 were rejected, and claims 16 and 22 were objected to. In this Amendment, claims 1, 8-10, 13-16, 22, 23, 30, 31, and 38 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 are in condition for allowance and request withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 16 and 22 were objected to as including informalities.

Claims 16 and 22 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 16 and 22 render the claims compliant with all formality requirements. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Win et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,182,142).

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31, and 38) are patentable over Win.

Applicants' invention as recited in independent claim 1 is directed toward a terminal device including a display means, a mediating means, and an authentication-information transmitting means. The claim recites that "the authentication-information transmitting means [is] operable to transmit device-authentication information to an authentication server, a network location of the authentication server being received by the display means as information embedded in information for starting a plug-in." (Emphasis supplied.) Independent claims 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31, and 38 include similar recitations. Supporting disclosure for the emphasized recitation can be found in the substitute specification at, for example, paragraphs [0139] - [0143].

Win does not teach or suggest the emphasized recitation. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the independent claims are patentable over Win on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicants believe that dependent claims 2-4, 6, 7, 16-18, 20, 21, 24-26, 28, 29, 32-34, 36, and 37 are patentable over Win at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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